



Newsletter

6 October 2013

Welcome *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: Abraham stopped looking
Reading: Genesis 12 : 10 – 20

6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: Jesus Christ cannot be improved upon
Reading: Colossians 1 : 15 – 20

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – URY

NEXT WEEK

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2 – Dandenong High School Chaplaincy

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,257.00
Vicariate	\$488.25



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: C & K. Harrison, C. Tan,
H & J. van der Jagt

Next Week: E & I. Poppenback, C. de Haan,
B. Bence

October 20 D & J. Mekking, K. Knol,
R. Heerdink

October 27 C & H. van Garderen, R. Mans,
J & S. van Garderen

PA & VIDEO :

Today: TBA
Next Week: TBA

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman
Next week: TBA



Jesus said " *have faith in God ... I tell you the truth if anyone says to this mountain 'go throw yourself into the sea' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen. It will be done for him. Therefore I tell you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against*

anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins ” (Mark 11 : 22 – 25).

It is easy to take this passage the wrong way and many have done so – as though Jesus is speaking of the power of positive thinking as a guarantee of dramatic answer to prayer; but we cannot use these verses in that way.

Submitting to God’s will is an essential aspect of prayer, yet, our knowledge of His will is far from perfect. Often we simply do not know what to pray for in a situation.

Jesus is saying that if we want our prayers to be answered we must be people of commitment, and not a people of doubt.

James (Jesus’ brother and not one of the twelve) picks up this theme in his letter, especially in James 1 : 5 – 8 and then in 5 : 15 – 16. The first of those passages is a particularly helpful commentary on Jesus’ words here in Mark’s gospel

“ If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. ”

Doubting is a state of mind, a condition in which God declines to work through our prayers. And Mark adds ...

Prayer can be effective only on the basis of a clear and open relationship with the Lord (v25). Holding on to resentment or bitterness interrupts that relationship. We need to be people who, like him, forgive easily. We cannot claim to walk in intimate fellowship with the Lord when we are out of fellowship with our fellow believers. **GdV**

complex maze of language that normal people will never penetrate.

But, at its heart, the Christian message is a very simple one. Simple enough for any one to understand.

You may have heard this story about Karl Barth, one of the great theologians of the twentieth century. Towards the end of his life, Barth was asked for the greatest insight he had ever gained though his long years of study and scholarship. The audience craned their necks to hear his pearl of wisdom.

His reply was beautifully simple – **Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so !**

Barth definitely didn’t get everything right, but this time he certainly did. Brothers and sisters, please remember this as you continue to pray and reach-out in love to those connected with our congregation who face sickness, pain, hardship, suffering, danger, rigorous medical treatments and some of our number are in palliative care. Remember the all-sufficiency of Jesus’ love and grace to meet any human need no matter what that need is, and remember your role of servants in the dispensing of that love and grace.

Pray for the success of **Corry Blik’s** ongoing treatments. Remember **Peter and Attie Bruinewoud’s** journey and their focus on the coming of the Lord, and **Herman and Nettie Blenk** as they travel life’s often difficult road, but which for them (and us) leads to wonderful glory in the presence of our Living Lord. **Hallelujah !**

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Unfortunately it is very easy for important messages to get lost in a mass of useless wordiness. Religious leaders – church leaders – are often as guilty of this as anyone. We sometimes hide what is really a simple message in a

General notices:

Information on the Summer Holiday Camps programs run by Scripture Union at Camp Coolamatong, is available on the notice board at the far-door entrance to the church. Wide variety

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of options for children from grades 5,6 to all the high school levels, as well as over 18's, and family camps, with a new offer for over 35's for Easter 2014. There is also a sailing camp for the Cup week-end.

AGM

Church Council notifies the congregation, that on Thursday the 10th of October at 7:30pm, Dandenong Christian Reformed Church will hold its **annual AGM** for 2013 at 'The Church Under The Cross' – Cnr Gladstone Rd and Outlook Drive North Dandenong.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Anne Van Breen	Today	October 6
Geordie Zaphiris		October 11

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily, to forever know God's presence in your life... these are our wishes for you.

Advance notice of a Fund-raising –dinner- auction for Shawlands Carport Shelter

will take place on 9th November 6.00pm. Keep the evening free for a fun community event. Cost \$10 per person, and \$25 for family with children. For the \$10 you will get pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, and a variety of soups and breads to choose from, then there will be croquettes and other finger foods for sale, as well as dessert afterwards, and the possibility of purchasing extra drinks, a glass of wine etc. There will be mystery parcels being auctioned, as well as a variety of hand-made, home made articles, quilts, craft bags, picnic basket etc. Could congregational members please donate a home-made cake for our cake stall ? Thank you!. Invite your friends and family.

Please Note:

Jesse Schram has moved to 2/13 Third Avenue, Dandenong North 3175.

CBI update for October is available from the cupboard in the carpeted area of the foyer

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. This week we meet at Regina's Unit 53 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

OASIS GROWTH GROUP

The Oasis Growth Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month, at the Burggraaf's from 7.30- 9.30 pm. Check with John and Sue Van Garderen - Ph: 8376 6556, if there are any changes.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Tuesday 10am, at the church, during the school terms.

Helen van Garderen.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

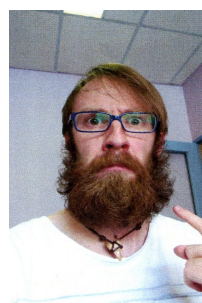
Next meets at the home of Nel Steunenbergh on Friday the 11th October at 8pm. New members welcome. Call 97031613 for details.

IGNITE

(Young Adults)

Meet at the church office at 7pm every Sunday night (during school terms), this is a time for building community and relationships, while also looking at God's Word. For more information, contact Jesse Schram on 0425 863 810. We'd love to see you there!

FUNDRAISER! YOUTH UNLIMITED



So, it has been mentioned to me (Jesse) a few times in church that I should shave my beard... But I thought to myself, 'why shave for nothing?'

That's why, until December 1st, we will be raising money for the Youth Unlimited crew (URY, J-Team, Kids Church), **with the goal of raising \$1,500**. If we can raise that amount, my beard will be coming off, if not, I might just have to find out how long I can grow it...



Ladies Fellowship Day

Saturday 26th October 2013

10am – 3pm

**Christian Reformed Church
of
South Gippsland**

Speakers: ***Robyn Hoekstra and
Johanna Haasjes***

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, and a **choice of soups for lunch** – all free of charge. Bring your own sandwich if you need extra. You are also asked to bring something small used/unused from home that you no longer need, to donate for the trading table – these will be available for purchase during lunch, and proceeds will go to the **Bethesda Disability Centre in the Solomon Islands**.

You are also asked to bring any spare NEW wool, or knitted squares (30 stitches x 30 rows), or any spare NEW material.

A **BUS** will be provided if there is sufficient need, picking up ladies at Wonga Park and Dandenong. If you'd like to book a seat on the bus, contact **Barbara Kruize (Ph 8790 2316) by 23rd October** – cost will be approx \$20 per person.

About the Speakers –

Robyn Hoekstra

Robyn, from Mirboo North, is a wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 6 grandchildren under the age of 8! She has a varied job interest but is most passionate about caring for others, hence her long association with aged care. Robyn has herself needed care when she battled cancer – currently though, she enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, embroidery and porcelain doll making. She also enjoys camping in the outback, although feels that her tent days are numbered. Robyn has had an interest in Kairos Prison Ministry and been involved since its inception in Victoria, and is currently serving on the regional committee.

Johanna Haasjes

Johanna was born in the Netherlands, migrated with her parents during the mid 1950s, and has lived mostly in South Gippsland since then. She is married and has 2 adult sons. She has been a farmer's wife, run a country store, and then taught at Leongatha Christian School for 25 years until retirement. She continues to be involved with the Christian School, is a CRE Team Leader for two small schools, an active campaigner for "Make Poverty History", as well as being the Co-ordinator for "Mission Without Borders" in South Gippsland. Johanna has long been retired, but still very much likes to serve where the Lord leads her – Micah 6:8 has been her guiding Scripture since a teenager – "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



We are holding a car boot Sale

When: Saturday 26th October

Time: 7am arrival for stall holders

Open for sales from 8am until sold out

Where: Dandenong Christian Reformed Church Car Park

Cnr Gladstone Road and Outlook Dr, Dandy Nth.

Church Members: Please contact Nel S **9795 4946** to secure a site

For all External Bookings: Please phone **9790 0722** to secure a site

Cost: \$15 per site

Come and sell your goods or buy some amazing treasures, have your car washed and lots of tasty foods to Purchase too.

: including Cakes, Hot Food, Poffertjes, Croquettes, Tea and Coffee,
cold drinks and much more will be available for sale.

Browse and buy at our Op Shop as it will be open for business for the day as well.

All monies raised shall be used for designated organizations
assisting those in need both locally and overseas



**Would you like to help break
the cycle of poverty?**

This is an all weather event

Join us for a
**Bonfire
Night**

12th October 6:00 pm

135 Vowell Drive, Pearcedale

Mel 141 F9

at the end of the road

**Roast meats, sausages, salads,
coffee & tea provided.
BYO drinks & chairs.**

**For more information call
Glenn 0421 703 393**

**HopeBuilders International continues its work in
Rwanda and seeks your support in helping
Empower People in Rwanda.**

**EMPOWER is a course that facilitates healing and
reconciliation between victims and perpetrators of
Rwanda's genocide. We are seeing great results through
this program and would love to run more.**



**So we are asking you to join us with your family
around the fire, we will provide dinner & all we ask
is you make a donation to this cause**

(all donations are tax deductible—include name address with donation)

